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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CALCIUM
COMPOUNDS CONTAINING WATER OF
CRYSTALLIZATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution and to reduce PTO filing fees, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 17 without prejudice to the subject matter thereof and add the following claims in their place:

18. (New) A process for producing calcium compounds containing water of crystallization, wherein

a) by a chemical reaction between an aqueous alkaline solution of sodium aluminate and a solid or dissolved and suspended, respectively, calcium (hydr)oxide in the presence of carbon dioxide a precipitate of a mixture of calcium aluminatohydrates having the following modular formula is formed:

ATTACHMENT D